



Community News and Events

Budget Update:



FLOOR SUMMARY

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California, like the rest of the nation, faces one of the most difficult financial situations in recent times with a growing unemployment rate, an increasing number of home foreclosures, and a lengthening list of well-known companies declaring bankruptcy. As a result, our state budget has seen significant reductions in revenue which places a greater hardship on meeting state services.

The State Legislature has been working everyday since the new legislative session began on December 1st to formulate a budget that meets our current challenges. On December 18th, the State Legislature passed an economic recovery plan and sent it to the governor for his signature. This balanced approach offered over \$18 billion in solutions to augment our current financial crisis by providing the necessary funds for our school districts, allowing the state to continue to fix and repair our transportation infrastructure, and pay its bills to small business owners. The plan also provided an economic stimulus package that would have created 367,000 additional new jobs and placed a 90-Day moratorium on home foreclosures.

Instead Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed the economic recovery package and returned it to the legislature in early January.

The people of California deserve better. The future of our state can no longer afford further budget delays and the eradication of laws that protect California's workers. It is the hope of the people and members of the Democratic Caucus that the governor and members of the Republican Caucus will sign a budget that puts education first, offers health care to our most vulnerable citizens, funds programs to protect our environment, and fosters job growth to strengthen our economy.

This Weekend's Budget Negotiations and Economic News for California:

- Negotiations continued into the night Friday and will continue throughout this weekend.
- As of this past Wednesday, all state legislators will not be paid for their per diem expenses.
- The U.S. Senate passed its version of a stimulus plan over the weekend. California Democrats are continuing to work with other state leaders, our congressional colleagues and the Obama Administration to help ensure that the bill that passed gets to the President's desk and includes the maximum amount of economic stimulus for California. With a 9.3% unemployment rate, California needs jobs and discretionary funds to help us deal with the fallout from the national recession.
- The Obama administration has released details of assistance that California can hope to see included in a federal stimulus package. Most importantly of the findings is 421,000 jobs would be created or saved through investments in a range of industries from clean energy to health care, with over 90% directed to the private sector. Additionally a tax cut of up to \$1,000 for almost 12.5 million Californians will give our economy a needed boost.
- Standard & Poor's downgrading of California's credit rating for failure to pass a budget is only the latest damage caused by members of the Republican Caucus putting unrelated issues ahead of our fiscal crisis. It is unconscionable that the halt of transportation projects, failure to pay vendors and taxpayers' refunds, and now the downgrading of our credit rating still has not moved them to close on a responsible compromise.

2nd Annual Vision Screening for Seniors Held in San Leandro



In observance of January being National Glaucoma Awareness Month, more than 150 seniors participated in the 2nd Annual Vision Screening Clinic. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi hosted the free event on January 9th at the Marina Community Center in San Leandro.

Seniors were screened for glaucoma, cataracts and other general vision deficiencies thanks to optometrists from California Optometric Association and the students from the University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry. The attendees received vital eye assessments including retinal scans in the hope of detecting eye diseases and disorders, which could impede upon their health and mobility.



Tuskegee Airman Captain Leon “Woodie” Spears Honored at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Holiday Celebration



It was a full house at the annual City of Hayward’s Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior Holiday Celebration where attendees remembered the struggles and triumphs of the civil rights work orchestrated by Dr. King. Choirs from Ochoa Middle School, Mt. Eden High School, and the infamous Palma Ceia Baptist Church performed wonderful vocal presentations.



In addition, Captain Leon “Woodie” Spears was posthumously honored for his achievement, leadership, and selfless dedication to the protection of freedom and democracy around the

world as a member of the 332nd Fighter Group, the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, of the United States Army Air Forces.

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first group of young black men enlisted in the U.S. Army who became America’s first black military pilots. The name originates from the first aviation class that began in 1941 at the Tuskegee Air Field in Tuskegee, Alabama. Captain Spears flew more than 65 combat missions during WWII and the Korean War. After leaving the service, he spent 35 years in Hayward working for the U.S. Postal Service. We remain, always, grateful for his service.

Assemblymember Hayashi Introduces Legislation In Response to Bush Administration’s ‘Conscience Rule’



In response to the ‘right of conscience’ regulation issued by the Bush Administration, Assemblymember Hayashi introduced AB 120 to ensure women in California have all the information they need to make informed reproductive choices. The State of California licenses healthcare practitioners to ensure consumer safety and AB 120 will prevent the personal view of providers from interfering with the reproductive rights of women and families.

Before leaving office, the Bush Administration extended a new rule that allows health care professionals to deny family planning procedures in accord with their conscience, but also to withhold information and access to birth control and other family planning services. A.B. 120 would require doctors, nurses, and physician assistants in California to fully disclose all reproductive options to a patient and declare legislative intent that a healthcare licensee may not withhold services or information from a patient.

AB 138 Introduced by Hayashi to Protect Consumers from Public Accounting Irregularities

Assemblymember Hayashi introduced AB 138 to protect consumers from irregular accounting practices from public accounting firm. The bill, sponsored by the California Board of Accountancy, would require all accounting firms to adhere to a peer review by a board-recognized program every three years.

Peer reviews are proven methods of providing consumer protection by ensuring that CPAs are current in their practices and maintain professional competence. Scrutiny over accounting practices has arisen from recent reports of well-known companies who were certified to be financially solvent but suddenly declare bankruptcy and leave investors high and dry.

California State Sheriffs' Association Recognizes Hayashi as Outstanding Legislator for 2008



In January, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi was recognized as an 'Outstanding Legislator for 2008' by the California State Sheriffs' Association. The Assemblymember was selected for the award in recognition of her 'exceptional support, service and dedication on behalf of law enforcement and public safety in California.'

Founded in the 1894, the California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA) is a nonprofit professional organization comprised of the 58 sheriffs throughout the state. The association was formed for the purpose of giving California sheriffs a single effective voice to improve the delivery of law enforcement services to the citizens of California.

Assemblymember Hayashi Speaks at Transportation Town Hall



The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) held a town hall forum on January 15th at St. Leander's School in San Leandro. The forum allowed constituents to learn about the transportation improvements currently under construction or being proposed for construction.

Upcoming projects being considered include:

- The widening of Lewelling and East Lewelling Boulevard in San Lorenzo.
- Interstate 880 and Washington Avenue Interchange Improvements in San Leandro.
- Extension of BART Services to Warm Springs

Ongoing Projects Include:

- Interstate 580 and Redwood Road Interchange Improvement in Castro Valley
- Traffic Congestion Relief Projects for the I-580, I-238 and I-880 Corridors
- Castro Valley Local Area Traffic Circulation Improvement Project

Matthew Buckingham and Rodney Souza Named Hayward Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year



The Hayward Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Heroes Gala Awards Night in January. Assemblymember Hayashi joined the event and helped honor Mr. Matthew Buckingham as Hayward's Firefighter of the Year and Mr. Rodney Souza as Hayward's Police Officer of the Year.

Mr. Buckingham was recognized for his exceptional level of service when answering a medical call or structure fire. He has served as a firefighter and paramedic for the city since 1999 at Engine 1. In his spare time, he volunteers and coordinates the Hayward Firefighters' "Toys for Kids" program.

Mr. Souza was commended for the positive impact he provides to the city of Hayward. Although his career began as an educator, Mr. Souza brings the characteristics of a teacher to the neighborhoods of



Hayward by helping troubled juveniles escape from gangs and prostitution.

Assemblymember Hayashi also posthumously honored Mr. Kurt Thorne as Educator of the Year. Mr. Thorne was a mathematics teacher and coach at Cesar Chavez Middle School.

Former San Leandro Council Member Surlene Grant Honored for Her Service



On January 30th, Assemblymember Hayashi honored San Leandro's first elected African-American city council member, Surlene Grant, at the San Leandro Main Library. Several hundred people attended the event recognizing Ms. Grant's 10 years of service to the city of San Leandro.

Ms. Grant was appointed to the city council in August 1998 and was elected twice by the voters in 2000 and 2004. Due to term limits, she ended her work on the city council this past December.

Congratulations Surlene.

Castro Valley Unified School Superintendent James Fitzpatrick Retires



After a 37-year career in public education, Castro Valley Unified School Superintendent James Fitzpatrick officially retired. Assemblymember Hayashi honored him for his years of service, of which, 14 years were accomplished in Castro Valley.

Under his direction, the school district has had tremendous success with student achievements, financial stability, and superior programs and staff. Over the years, Castro Valley schools have received prestigious awards and recognitions such as the Blue Ribbon School Award, California Distinguished School Award, Golden Bell Award and Schools to Watch.

Congratulations and sincere best wishes on your retirement.

Assemblymember Hayashi Swears-In Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce's Board Officers



Held at the Moose Lodge in Mid-January, Assemblymember Hayashi proudly officiated the swearing-in of the 2009 Officers of the Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The new officers include President Sue Hohl; Vice Presidents Beth Moore, Brian Morrison and Dave Wilhite; Treasurer Stephanie Cartwright; Board Representative Pat Flanagan; and Board of Directors Laurie Funnell, George Bischalaney, Gerald Cockrill, Steve Dimick, Bebe Duarte, Karen Jonke, Ron Meissner, Jim Murphy, Mel Speed, Dennis Waespi and Mike Wiesner.



Thanks to these committed individuals who care deeply about Castro Valley; area businesses and residents continue to benefit from their success of creating a prosperous community full of civic pride.

San Leandro Chamber of Commerce Swears-In Its New President and Board



On January 29th, Mr. John Johnson became the new President of the Board of Directors for the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Johnson was recognized for his record of professional achievements as an executive in the insurance industry, serving as President and CEO of McDermott Costa Co. He has also been a leader in civic and community programs with the Eden Hospital Foundation, the Boys and Girls Club of San Leandro, and the Citizen's Watchdog Committee for Alameda County.

At the installation dinner held at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton, Mr. Johnson outlined his plans to return the chamber to its original goals of bringing the entire business community, both large and small, together in order to achieve a stronger voice with local policy makers.



SFPCU Celebrates a Grand Opening in Pleasanton



Local public safety officers and their families now have a new financial resource as the San Francisco Police Credit Union (SFPCU) celebrated its Grand Opening of its Pleasanton branch on January 15th. The SFPCU, since 1953, has played a pivotal role as an outstanding non-profit financial cooperative providing monetary services to the dedicated First Responders of the greater Bay Area, including law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical technicians, and other agencies within its common bond.



Thanks to the new branch located next door to the Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, its members may now join the SFPCU and benefit from all the services a credit union has to offer. Congratulations.

Assemblymember Hayashi Tours the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club



The children at the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club (SLBGC) gave Assemblymember Hayashi a warm welcome as she toured their facility on January 23rd. The children made a banner thanking her for legislative advocacy on behalf of California's kids.

The club provides youth with diversified activities to build self-esteem and reach their full potential through character and leadership activities, education and career development, health and life skills, the Arts, and Sports, Fitness and Recreation. Opened in 1945, the SLBGC operates six sites for its 750 members.



Korean American Day Honored at the State Capitol



Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi presented Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 9 on the Assembly Floor in recognition of Korean American Day. January 13, 1903, marks the beginning of Korean American history when 102 courageous Korean men, women, and children landed in Hawaii after venturing across the vast Pacific Ocean aboard the S.S. Gaelic. Through the resolution, Hayashi aimed to highlight and honor the contributions of the Korean American community to the United States. The resolution was approved by a unanimous vote.

Since the Federal Immigration Act of 1965, Korean Americans have become one of the fastest growing groups of Asian Americans. In 1960, approximately 25,000 people of Korean ancestry lived in the United States, but by 1970, that number increased to 69,130. In 2007, it was estimated that 1,555,293 people with some Korean ancestry lived in the

United States, representing more than a sixty-fold increase since 1960. Some notable Korean American heroes include Sammy Lee, medal winning Olympic diver; Margaret Cho, comedian and entertainer; and Colonel Young O. Kim, celebrated World War II veteran.

Assemblymember Hayashi's Voting Record and Helpful Links

AFSCME	100% Rating
Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating
California State Sheriffs' Association	Highest Ranking
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating
Equality California	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating
National Association of Social Workers – CA	100% Rating
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking
Sierra Club	100% Rating

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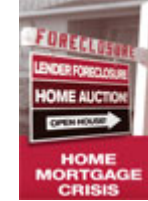
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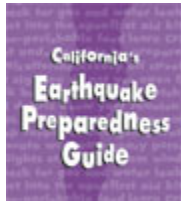
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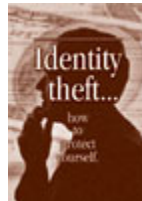
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Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



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Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



The California State Budget Process

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

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